

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023, at 6:53 p.m.
WOBURN CITY HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM

Voting Members present: Chair Joanne Campbell, Councilor Joseph Demers, and Councilor Jeffrey Dillon

Non-voting members present: President Michael Concannon, Councilor Lou DiMambro, Councilor Charles Viola, Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen, Councilor Robert Ferullo, and Councilor Richard Gately

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Reading of previous meeting minutes and approval: Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Dillon to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2022; all in favor, 3-0.

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Appointment of Elaine Pruyne to the Cemetery Commission: Chair Campbell said the Cemetery Commission is responsible for the three cemeteries in the city – Woodbrook, the First Burial Ground and the Second Burial Ground. She asked Ms. Pruyne to tell the committee about herself. Ms. Pruyne said she recently retired from city employment, most recently as the Director of Human Resources. She said she noticed there was an opening on the Cemetery Commission and expressed an interest. She said she has a particular interest in history, especially Woburn history. She said she just wants to be a part of it. She said she will be able to accommodate the commission's monthly meetings into her schedule. She said since the mayor made cuts to the Cemetery Dept.'s budget, there is no one to shut the gates at night. She said if the gates are open all night the cemetery could be prone to vandalism. She said she would really like to see the gate off Beach Street closed at night. Councilor Demers said he has known Ms. Pruyne forever. He said her attention to detail makes her a great candidate for a position on the Cemetery Commission. He said people like Ms. Pruyne are needed on municipal boards and commissions. Councilor Dillon said Ms. Pruyne is always willing to help the city and her expertise and knowledge will be an asset to the Cemetery Commission. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Dillon to suspend the rules to allow any member of the council not on the committee to address the appointment. Councilor Mercer-Bruen said she misses Ms. Pruyne in her role as Human Resources Director. She said the newsletter she sent to municipal employees were always informative and helpful. She said of course she will support Ms. Pruyne's nomination. She said Mayor Galvin has a lot of confidence in Ms. Pruyne. Councilor Gately thanked Ms. Pruyne for her years of service in the Human Resources Dept. He said she did a great job. He said Ms. Pruyne has a nice family. He said he can't say enough good things about here. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Dillon to return to the regular order of business; approved, 3-0. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Dillon that the nomination of Elaine Pruyne to the Cemetery Commission "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

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Re-appointment of John M. Wells to the Biomedical Oversight Committee: Chair Campbell said the mayor has re-appointed Dr. Wells and Mr. Baldino to the Biomedical Oversight Committee. She said the Personnel Committee generally does not invite candidates for re-appointment for interviews. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Dillon that the appointments of John M. Wells and Carmen M. Baldino to the Biomedical Oversight Committee “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

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Re-appointment of Carmen M. Baldino to the Biomedical Oversight Committee: See preceding item.

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Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Dillon to adjourn; all in favor, 3-0. Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees